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Affairs About Home.

To Our Friends.

For the purpose of meeting the heavy cash expenditures, required to buy material, pay our journeymen, and support our families, as well as for the purpose of making additions to the material of the office, we must call upon those who are indebted to *The Old Commonwealth* for subscriptions, advertising and job work, to pay the same as soon as convenient. We cannot meet our obligations without money. Our accounts are being made out, and we shall be obliged to those indebted to us if they will save us the trouble and expense of employing a collector.

CUSHEN & GATEWOOD,

PEDDLERS, DRUMMERS, ETC.

In the *Old Commonwealth* of August 9th, we gave some strictures upon a class of gentlemen known as "Drummers." That article has been replied to by some one, we know not who, nor do we care who, signing himself "a Baltimore Drummer" in a manner, which to say the least, is impolite and personal. The author will surely not class himself among those whom, as he styles all the drummers to be, "Virginia gentlemen." In the article, to which "A Baltimore Drummer" objects, we made the announcement that there are many exceptions to the style of men we described. He must be aware of that fact. We reiterate the same statement now. But a majority, we do not believe are of any greater calibre. We have the evidence before us every day almost of the correctness of our conclusion. "A Baltimore Drummer" does not refute any argument we used, and fails to account for the similarity of remarks in two different newspapers of the same place, and in their issues of the same week, and yet without any consultation between the respective editors. The reason of the coincidence is found in the fact, that the complaints were made, in the language used by country merchants, whom we know to be gentlemen, and responsible and good paying customers. If they publicly denounce the "drummers" and the whole system of "drumming" as a regular business, surely our utterances cannot be considered so harsh, for the country merchants have a very intimate acquaintance with many of them.

His reference to the Mansion House Hotel is too untrue to be worthy of notice. In justice to the Hotel we would say that it is well kept, centrally located, and one of the most home-like establishments we know of; and we advise our 'country friends, including 'merchants,' who are annoyed by the 'drumming' fraternity, to stop at the Mansion House Hotel, and by application to friend A. L. BERTON, the proprietor, he will give them protection from this rude mass of button-holing 'gentlemen.'

We have no curiosity to know who the author of 'A Baltimore Drummer' may be. We believe our position in this matter is correct, and do not hesitate to reiterate it. We still regard the 'drumming' business for wholesale houses, in almost all instances, an expensive nuisance to any community they infest, and it is the consumers who are obliged to pay the expenses and salaries of these men, for the poor privilege of having themselves made fun of by men who think themselves better than the laboring, producing countryman. It is time some of these high-faloot notions were being knocked out of these 'gentlemen,' and as effectively as we may be able, we will help to do it.

But the question assumes a new phase. These gentlemen will find, by reference to the acts of Assembly, 1869-'70, page 231, chapter 174, sec. 4, that they are violating the laws of the State:

4. "Any person who shall sell, or offer to sell, any description of goods, wares, or merchandise by sample, card, description, or representation, shall be deemed to be a sample merchant. But nothing in this section shall prevent a merchant from exhibiting a specimen of his goods, wares, and merchandise to his customers, in the county or corporation in which his place of business is. Any person who shall sell, or offer to sell, in violation of this section shall pay a fine of not less than one hundred dollars nor more than five hundred dollars for each offence."

These Baltimore merchants, who Mr. 'Drummer' thinks have done so much for

the country merchants of Virginia, by giving them credit, &c., are themselves parties to this violation of our laws, by getting up 'dog-house' trunks filled with samples, and starting out a brigade of "Southern, Virginia gentlemen, of business integrity," to peddle their goods and wares throughout the State. If the gentlemen of "Southern" proclivities, "integrity" and "intelligence," are smart enough to elude our law officers and make large sales on the illicit tour, on his return he receives the compliment "well done good and faithful"—You may go again. But if the law officers succeed in detecting the peddler, drummer, sample-man, or whatever he may be called, and require the penalty of the law from him, he goes back to his master—the merchant—who pays the fine, and doesn't think his man "sharp," and if the sales made by him are not sufficient to pay the fines, salary and expenses, he is a lucky fellow if his peddling business is not abruptly stopped by a discharge.

We think it all right that whole-sale merchants, or business men of any kind, should bring their business legitimately before dealers and consumers, but we do hope that they will at least obey the laws, and devise a plan more tasteful to country merchants, and less expensive and annoying to the consumers of their goods and wares.

As to ourselves, we have several Baltimore advertisements, at present, and expect more in future. Merchants, who are successful, are usually good business men, and appreciate the value of the newspaper press to spread their cards and advertisements before the public. No one hardly, is as enough to deny the value of advertising judiciously. It is a safe investment, and pays a large return, and the most colossal fortunes built up in this country by men of business, are the result of judicious advertising. There is no infraction of law in it, and no penalties laid down in the Code of any State for it. We recommend it as the best mode, and will, no doubt, be in the future, as in the past, adopted by those who have the keen perception to do business most profitably and legitimately.

STRAWA.—On Monday we had an opportunity of conversing with many of the prominent citizens of this county, with particular reference to the great questions now agitating the public mind of this State—the new funding bill, the enormous burden of taxation that crushes every interest &c.—and we found but one sentiment prevailing, and that was, that the next Legislature must do something to save the people from bankruptcy and ruin. They want to see retrenchment and economy commenced in every branch of the public service. They would have the 'swarms of officers,' who have been sent upon us by the new Constitution, to harass us and eat out our substance, reduced by enlarging the townships and reducing their number. They will demand action at the hands of the next Legislature upon these subjects; and we, to the recalcitrant member who fails to meet their expectations! Better for him that he had never been born, or that a mill-stone had been hanged about his neck and he cast into the sea! They want able, faithful, practical men to represent them—men who cannot be bought by corporations or swayed from their purpose by bribery or mercenary considerations—men of enlarged views, experience and influence.

SANITARY.

One of the first acts of the new Council was to pass an ordinance requiring the side-walks and streets to be swept every Saturday morning, until otherwise ordered. The order went into operation on Saturday morning last. In consequence of the fact that there had not been a rain for more than week, a vast amount of filth and dirt had accumulated, and the result was that a heavy cloud of dust was raised on Saturday morning when the sweeping and shoveling commenced. This ordinance is all right, and should have been enforced earlier. At this season of the year, when there is a large amount of decayed vegetable matter everywhere, every precaution against disease should be used. The most fearful epidemics frequently result from carelessness on the part of the proper authorities and institution of the people to these sanitary matters.

AN IMPROVEMENT.

The new Veranda just erected in front of the American Hotel in this place, is quite an improvement to that fine building. It extends the whole length of the house, ninety-two feet, and is arched between the pillars according to the most approved style of modern architecture. The work was executed by Messrs. S. J. Jones and Wm. O. Price, house carpenters, of this place.

VACANCY AT WESTPOINT.

By the resignation of Mr. Walker, who received the appointment to this institution from this congressional district, a year ago, the scholarship to which the District is entitled is again vacant. Our Congressman, Hon. John T. Harris, we understand, has a number of applicants for the position, but we are not aware that the vacancy has yet been filled.

LIVELY.

Some two or three different lines of omnibuses, stages, hacks, and other vehicles, are now running from this point to the watering places, and to Staunton and other places, daily. They have a lively time of it, and travelers are reaping the benefits of the competition.

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THE SEA SERPENT A SHORE!

A correspondent writing to us from Greenbank, Potomac county, W. Va., under date of July 12th, informs us that a few weeks ago, a daughter of Mr. Wm. W. Warner, of Elk Mountain, in Pocahontas county, whilst in a meadow about a quarter of a mile from the house, came upon a monster in the shape of a snake. When discovered, the snake was following like an ox, and was of such terrible dimensions that the girl at once became frightened and took to her heels, and we imagine at no mean speed, ran for the house. The snake pursued until she came to the fence at the house. The girl represents the snake to have been about the size of a stove-pipe, of enormous length, and a head as large as a tea kettle! Mr. Warner went in pursuit, but could find nothing but the trail in the grass, which looked like a log, or wood had been drawn along—Greenbrier Independent.

W. W. Warner, temporarily of Augusta county, who was arrested in Harrisonburg recently, charged with passing counterfeit money, and who was to have made his appearance last Thursday, forfeited his bail bond of \$2,000. His securities were two gentlemen from Augusta county, but we do not know who they are.—*Virginian*.

THE CHOLERA IN EUROPE.—With respect to the cholera it is stated in the weekly health returns from Berlin, received in England to the 3d inst., that the reports as to the progress of the disease are incomplete, but that it is certainly entering Riga on the Baltic, at the mouth of the Dvina. In Tarnobol, out of 30,000 inhabitants, 468 died from cholera in the week ending 13th July; this is in Central Russia, where the sanitary conditions are unfavorable.

YOKOHAMA, July 22, via San Francisco, August 14. A heavy typhoon at Kobe, on the 4th inst., caused the loss of 400 lives. Several vessels were also wrecked including the *Pride of the Thames*. The captain, mate and two stewards were drowned. The damage to property is estimated at half a million of dollars.

The population of London is greater than the combined populations of New York, Philadelphia, Brooklyn, St. Louis, Chicago, Baltimore, Boston, Cincinnati, New Orleans, San Francisco, and Buffalo. The number in these last named cities is 3,825,575. The population of London is 3,884,760.

SAD.—Miss Bertie Gillock, daughter of Mrs. Jane Gillock, of this place, swallowed a peach seed, at the Methodist Picnic, two weeks since, from the effect of which she died on yesterday morning.—*Staunton Vindicator*.

Official returns from 83 counties in N. Carolina, show a majority of 10,261 against the Convention. There are seven counties yet to hear from, which will reduce the majority to about 9,400.

The widow of a man who died in Ironton, Ohio, of delirium tremens, has recovered \$5,000 damages from the man who furnished the whisky.

An American fishing schooner trespassing on the fishing grounds, has been captured by a British vessel and carried to Quebec for adjudication.

SAN FRANCISCO, Aug. 18.—Fifty business and dwelling houses were burned at Dalle, Oregon yesterday. The loss in excess of insurance is \$100,000.

In Konigsberg, Prussia, on the 14th instant, sixty-two persons were attacked with cholera, and there were twenty-two deaths.

A horse-thief was arrested near Kansas City in the morning, tried at noon, and hung at night.

DIED.

At his residence near Keokuk, Iowa, on Wednesday last, Mr. GEORGE EASTMAN, an advanced age. His remains were interred in Woodbine Cemetery, at this place.

SPECIAL NOTICES.

JOB MOSES'

Sir James Clarke's Female Pills. These invaluable pills are unfailing in the cure of all those painful and dangerous diseases to which the female constitution is so liable. They remove all obstructions, removing all obstructions, from whatever cause arising. No HARMED LADIES. They are particularly adapted to be used in short time, bring on the monthly period with regularity, and remove every painful ailment, nothing hurtful to the constitution. In all cases of Nervous and Spinal Affections, Pains in the Back and Limbs, Fatigue and debility, indigestion, and all other ailments, they will effect a cure when all other means have failed. The pamphlet around each package has full directions and advice, and will be sent free to all writing for it, sealed from observation.

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MANHOOD.

HOW LOST, HOW RESTORED.

Just published, a new addition of Dr. CULVERWELL'S CELEBRATED ESSAY on the radical cure (without recourse to surgery) of Seminal Weakness, involuntary Seminal Losses, Impotency Mental and Physical Incapacity, Impediments to Marriage, etc.; also, Consequences of Self-abuse may be radically cured or sexual extravagance.

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Comparison in the make and style of his D. M. SWITZER TOBACCO STORE.

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BRING ON YOUR ORBURN GRASS! If you want the cash for it of

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FINANCIAL.

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BONDS AND STOCKS.

HARRISONBURG MARKET.

WEDNESDAY MORNING, AUGUST 23, 1871.

Flour—Family,	6 75/100 00
Extra,	5 75/100 00
Super,	5 50/100 00
Wheat,	1 00/100 00
Barley,	1 00/100 00
Corn,	1 00/100 00
Oats,	1 00/

